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Examiner Tang, Kuo Liang

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 10, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 10, 2005. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: